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To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to comment in favor of the Indiana Telephone Privacy Law and against weakening the law with exceptions using Established Business Relations.

My wife and I have many business relations, but we do not know these people as friends that we would invite into our house at meal time.

Prior to the enactment of the Privacy Law, my wife and I could hardly eat our supper in peace. The phone rang frequently with the calling party selling something we did not want or requesting information that would benefit them but inconvenience us. The phone was an open door to many people we ordinarily would not invite into our house. The phone provided a means to expose us to all kinds of mass marketing tricks including outright fraud.

I am grateful to Attorney General Steve Carter for spearheading the effort to pass the Indiana Telephone Privacy Law. Many of my friends and relatives have spoken enthusiastically in support of the law. I have heard no one express an opinion against the law.

Do not weaken or remove this law. Organizations supporting weakening the law almost certainly will experience the white-hot backlash from the people.

Sincerely,

Sam D. Blankenship